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1. CAIRO PRESS OF JULY 29 ANNOUNCED THAT DATE FOR SIGNATURE OF ACCORD WITH GULF ORGANIZATION FOR DEVELOPMENT IN EGYPT (GODE) HAS BEEN FIXED FOR AUGUST 18 IN CAIRO. THIS INFORMATION, AND ASSUMEDLY ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON RIYADH DISCUSSION, INCLUDING APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND GOE'S REPRESENTATIVE, WAS CONVEYED TO MINFIN ABU ISMAIL, WHO IS ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE RELAYED IT TO CABINET IN JULY 28 MEETING.

2. COVERAGE OF CABINET SESSION INDICATES THAT AN AD HOC COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY MINCABINET AFFAIRS AND ADMINISTRATIVE DEVELOPMENT FOUAD SHERIF HAS BEEN NAMED, WITH TASK OF "RESTRUCTURING OF THE ACCORD" IN SUCH A WAY AS TO BE
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"MORE FLEXIBLE".

3. COMMENT. WE HAVE NOT YET HAD A CHANCE TO EXPLORE WHAT IS BEING CONSIDERED BY GOE WITH REGARD TO GODE, BUT AT THIS STAGE IT APPEARS THAT EGYPTIANS INTEND TO MAKE AT LEAST INITIAL EFFORTS TO SECURE MORE MONEY(WHICH IS WHAT WE ASSUME IS MEANT BY FLEXIBILITY). OPEN ANNOUNCEMENT BY SADAT OF TOTAL NEEDS (\$12 BILLION) PLUS PRESS COVERAGE OF LETTER ASKING FOR \$1 BILLION NOW (REFTEL), INDICATE THAT EGYPT INTENDS TO GO PUBLIC WITH ITS DEMANDS FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE FROM ARAB BROTHERS. OTHER POSTS WILL HAVE A BETTER FEEL FOR LIKELIHOOD OF SUCCESS, BUT CRITICAL NATURE OF NEED IS NOT IN DOUBT.
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